



LESSON 2: EARTH, EARTH'S MOON, & MARS BALLOONS

Student Guide

(A) Student Handout. Earth, Earth's Moon, Mars Comparisons

NAME: _____

1. What is the estimated difference in size between the Earth and Mars?

2. Make a drawing of your prediction. What do you think the differences are between the sizes of the Earth, Earth's Moon, and Mars?

3. Explain why you think your prediction is true.



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(B) Student Worksheet. Relative Size and Distance Sheet

NAME: _____

Planet/Moon	Circumference (cm)	Balloon Circumference Prediction (cm)	Actual Balloon Circumference (cm)
Earth		63	63
Earth's Moon	1,091,500,000		
Mars	2,133,300,000		

Planet/Moon	Average Distance (cm)	Balloon Distance Prediction (cm)	Actual Balloon Distance (cm)
Earth to Earth' Moon	38,400,000,000		
Earth to Mars	7,800,000,000,000		

Show your work:



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(C) Student Worksheet. Student Reflection

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1. What did you find most surprising during this investigation?

2. Why did we use a scale to create our model of Earth, Earth's Moon, and Mars?

3. How do you think scientists would use a planetary scale model? Give an example.

4. Revisit your original prediction. Was it correct? What do you know now that would improve your prediction?
